

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 29-32. The pending claims have been editorially amended in conformance with local practice. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicants' intent is to encompass equivalents of all claims elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

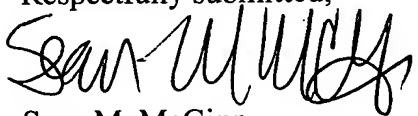
With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 10/298,228, Applicants hereby incorporate the claim of priority from Japanese Application No. 2001-353195, filed on November 19, 2001, Japanese Application No. 2001-352451 filed on November 16, 2001, Japanese Application No. 2001-352449 filed on November 16, 2001, and Japanese Application No. 2001-352452 filed on November 16, 2001, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application was assigned of record to TDK Corporation on February 24, 2003, at Reel 013789 and Frame 0946.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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